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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Inter-parliamentary cooperation should resume without delay

MEP Alojz Peterle (EPP, SI), the Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee, issued the following statement today on the handing out of the mandate to form the government to Mr Zoran Zaev:

“On behalf of the European Parliament delegation to the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee, I consider the decision of President Gjorge Ivanov to give the mandate to form a new government to the leader of the Social Democratic Union of Macedonia, Mr Zoran Zaev, to be an important step towards political stabilization in the country. I salute the efforts of all parties involved and their capacity to overcome political differences in the best interest of the country and citizens.

I fully expect all parties to respect the agreements reached and express my sincere hope this development will help end the divisive political climate in the country, ushering in a new spirit of cooperation and compromise between opposing sides, while maintaining the constitutional continuity of the country.

The formation of a new government is a precondition to relaunch the reform process and continue along the path to Euro-Atlantic integration.

Once the new government is formed and the Parliament again fully operational, it will be necessary to resume without delay the activities of the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee, as the official platform for inter-parliamentary dialogue, established by the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilization and Association Agreement.”